**Confused?**

Don't worry, many are when first learning html.

I created this FAQ to answer questions that many students have when first learning html.

Generally, when you have a question that isn't answered here and isn't personal, you should ask on the forum - that way other students who may be wondering will find their answer as well.

Why would I want to learn how to create a web page?

It's fun! It can be a creative outlet for you once you get the hang of it.  
  
html is also the first step in learning how to become a web developer. You cannot go on and learn any other web programming languages without knowing html.  
  
Sure, there are programs out there that will allow you to create web pages by dragging and dropping. However, you lose a lot of the custom elements that you can add in, and the code is generally a mess and hard to maintain. Speaking of those programs...

Can't I just use FrontPage or Dreamweaver?

No, you cannot. The whole objective of this class is to learn how to hand code html and css - not how to use a program. As stated above, the What You See Is What You Get (WYSIWYG) programs listed above will not provide you will clean, usable, optimized code - and that is what we want. Our goal is to have fast loading pages that are easily maintained.

I can't get this to work and I am getting really mad!

First thing is first, slow down..take a deep breath. Breathe in..breathe out..ok, feeling better?  
  
Everyone has struggled with a page that doesn't look right, *everyone*.   
  
Learning how to figure out those errors or why something isn't displaying correctly is integral to becoming a good web designer.  
  
Here are some common mistakes:  
  
Forgetting a closing tag:

<html>  
<head>  
    <title>My First Page!</title>  
<body>

We have forgotten the closing </head> tag - we can't have our body start before our head closes!   
  
Another common mistake is forgetting a closing bracket: >, or when we learn CSS - forgetting a closing brace: }.  
  
Nesting errors:

<html>  
<head>  
    <title>My First Page!</title>  
</head>  
<body>  
<p><em>Hello World!</p></em>

This is incorrect because the paragraph tag is closed before the em. Notice the order of the opening tags: <p><em> - that means when we close out our tags, we need to do it in the same order: </em></p>.  
  
If you still do not understand, please make a post on the forum or send me an email.  
  
I would recommend that you always go to <http://www.htmlhelp.com/tools/validator/direct.html.en> and use the HTML validator before you upload any assignments.    
  
If it gives you errors about doctype, do not worry about that yet, we will learn more about that later.  
  
You want to look out for errors that say that tag is not closed.  
  
  
**Remember**:  
Do **not** use any HTML editing software for this course.   
  
You may not:

* Copy & Paste From Word - Any thing from Microsoft Word is HORRIBLE as a Web generator
* Use Dreamweaver
* Use FrontPage
* Use any other Rich Text Editor.

I expect all of your code to be done in Textpad or Notepad - do NOT use any editing software. Doing so may result in a grade of 0 for the assignment. https://angel.starkstate.edu/AngelUploads/Files/vshipbaugh/nonono.gif?8149